



Policy ... Physical Environment

Newby Fun Factory is committed to providing children with a stimulating and safe environment. We will do all we can to make our premises welcoming and friendly to children, their parents/carers and any other visitors.

The Fun Factory's premises are safe, secure and adequately spacious for its purpose. The environment and atmosphere of the Fun Factory is welcoming to children and offers access to the necessary facilities for a broad and varied programme of activities.

The Fun Factory is committed to taking every possible step to ensure that all children have equal access to facilities, activities and play opportunities; including children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (for further details see the Special Needs policy).

The Fun Factory's premises comply with all the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and all other relevant regulations and guidance.

The Team Leader is responsible for ensuring that the Fun Factory's premises are clean, well lit, adequately ventilated and maintained at an appropriate temperature. Daily risk assessments are carried out, in accordance with the Risk Assessment policy, to ensure that the facilities are maintained in a suitable state of repair and decoration.

During the opening hours, the premises are used by and solely available to the Fun Factory, its staff and the children, as far as this is possible.

The Fun Factory will do all it can to maintain an open room layout, allowing children to choose from a variety of play opportunities. All children will have adequate space to play and interact freely (a minimum of 2.3 square metres' space per child).

There is adequate space for storing all the Fun Factory's equipment safely and securely.

No child will be left unsupervised in the kitchen area

Members of staff will have access to a telephone on the Fun Factory's premises at all times.

Outdoor Play

Any outdoor play will take place in safe secure and well-supervised spaces. Before any outdoor activities commence, a thorough safety check and risk assessment will take place. These areas will be well maintained.

The outside water features is kept safe by our host school, and is inaccessible to unsupervised children. If children are involved in water sports or visit the beach, staff will ensure that a qualified lifeguard supervises them.

In the event of snow or ice on external walkways, staff will ensure that this is cleared and kept safe.

Staff will make sure there is a regular supply of water available to children at all times, especially in hot conditions. In such circumstances, staff will also ensure that children are adequately protected from the sun, according to the provisions set out in the Health, Illness and Emergency policy.

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